

American Guild of Organist YouTube Instruction

Lessons for the New Organist

The AGO's Committee on Continuing Professional Education is dedicated to providing answers to common questions from anyone learning to play the organ. We are developing a series of thirty videos, called Lessons for the New Organist, to teach basic skills and techniques to beginning organists, including pianists who are making a transition to organ-playing.

- Lesson 1: A Pianist's First Steps in Transitioning to the Organ
- Lesson 2: The Architecture and Layout of the American Pipe Organ
- Lesson 3: Coupling Organ Divisions
- Lesson 4: Swell Pedals & Dynamic Expression
- Lesson 5: An Introduction to Pedaling & Organ Music Scores
- Lesson 6: Families of Organ Tone
- Lesson 7: Mixture & Mutation Stops
- Lesson 8: Registrations for Contemplative & Jubilant Hymns
- Lesson 9: General & Divisional Pistons
- Lesson 10: The Crescendo Pedal
- Lesson 11: Does the shoe fit? Organ Shoes & Bench Height
- Lesson 12: The Basics of Pedal Technique
- Lesson 13: DIY: Adding Pedals
- Lesson 14: DIY: Varying your organ registrations
- Lesson 15: DIY: Using time & touch to shape melody
- Lesson 16: DIY: Reharmonizing your hymns
- Lesson 17: DIY: Key modulations: when, why & how
- Lesson 18: DIY: Using registrations to illustrate hymn texts
- Lesson 20: Creative use of limited pedaling in hymns
- Lesson 21: An introduction to hymn meter & the metrical index
- Lesson 22: Choosing alternate hymn texts and tunes by examining meter
- Lesson 23: Adapting folk and guitar music to the organ
- Lesson 24: Bridging gaps during communion services
- Lesson 25: Variety in hymn-playing, regardless of instrument size
- Lesson 26: How to use MIDI functions on organ consoles
- Lesson 27: How to be an excellent substitute organist
- Lesson 28: Getting around on the Hammond Organ
- Lesson 29: Determining your pedaling in organ literature
- Lesson 30: Answers to some important questions

This link has the complete list of the 30 lessons.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLSJ9JGIhsPJukIW5F3yEQSXhpJzPgAJcL>

The Links Revealed – At one time the links for lessons 16 and 19 would not work from the AGO page. Here is list of all the links that work.

- Lesson 1 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mvx6WE7EF3g&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 2 – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUVe_F-liJc&feature=youtu.be
- Lesson 3 – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_klGbvYuuk&feature=youtu.be
- Lesson 4 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLR-en2rmTY&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 5 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9Hd8f6F96c&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 6 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykDFmyQHkJ0&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 7 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWSRE0D7-WM&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 8 – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQZmn6YA_X8&feature=youtu.be
- Lesson 9 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOZ91rNJ7qI&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 10 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ca4vp6qoaeo&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 11 – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_NSoh3244kE&feature=youtu.be
- Lesson 12 – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yP_h1LqgunE&feature=youtu.be
- Lesson 13 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUkNwEKpm9I&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 14 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGpHIK1waE&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 15 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZOdxkdq7iI&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 16 – (YouTube was not available in the AGO list)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YK71ESz979s&index=15&t=20s&list=PLSJ9JGlhsPJuklW5F3yEQSXhpJzPgAJcL>
- Lesson 17 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxSH-V3fdXA&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 18 – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_-ej2UJ2C8&feature=youtu.be
- Lesson 19 – Pedal Points (was not listed in the AGO list) -
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2L_8HVycDU&t=144s
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2L_8HVycDU&index=17&t=55s&list=PLSJ9JGlhsPJuklW5F3yEQSXhpJzPgAJcL
- Lesson 20 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QKpgCmho1eE&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 21 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YCBO5bGrdE&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 22 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyTFcH5stbY&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 23 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0sltBEo3I8&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 24 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-GP4kyRPds8&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 25 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJf7F1f-gWE&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 26 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPbMCy7LnQE&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 27 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o-sy2DMI2GY&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 28 – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_pI8A_s73jI&feature=youtu.be
- Lesson 29 – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtxpqtinvOIU&feature=youtu.be>
- Lesson 30 – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_8oKgh_9Mg&feature=youtu.be